

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 8

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO
12 CONDUCT A STUDY THAT INVESTIGATES THE PROPOSAL OF THE ENHANCED
13 911 (E911) DIRECTORS AFFILIATE THAT A SINGLE, STATEWIDE 911
14 PROGRAM OVERSIGHT BOARD MADE UP OF A MAJORITY OF 911
15 PROFESSIONALS BE CREATED AND CHARGED WITH ADMINISTRATION OF THE
16 911 PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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18 WHEREAS, essential emergency reporting and dispatch
19 services accessible by calling nine-one-one, known as the "911
20 program", are administered by the local government division of
21 the department of finance and administration, while these
22 emergency reporting and dispatch services are actually provided
23 through forty-seven disparately funded public safety answer
24 points, or "911 centers", located throughout the state; and

25 WHEREAS, the New Mexico association of counties' New

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1 Mexico E911 directors affiliate, made up of the directors of
2 these 911 centers, has requested that the New Mexico state
3 government consider establishing a statewide 911 program
4 oversight board; and

5 WHEREAS, the New Mexico E911 directors affiliate reports
6 that there is currently a lack of resources to adequately serve
7 the forty-seven public 911 centers; and

8 WHEREAS, under the local government division of the
9 department of finance and administration, there is reportedly
10 only one 911 program employee responsible for overseeing all of
11 the forty-seven public 911 centers statewide; and

12 WHEREAS, the New Mexico E911 directors affiliate has
13 expressed its concern that decisions regarding 911 program
14 equipment, funding and training in the state's 911 centers are
15 being made without the input of New Mexico 911 professionals;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, E911 directors have expressed the need for
18 updated 911 program equipment to keep pace with "next
19 generation 911" – a plan for acquiring and implementing up-to-
20 date technology that is not currently available but will be
21 demanded by the public, including features such as text to 911,
22 streaming images and video; and

23 WHEREAS, according to the New Mexico E911 directors
24 affiliate, New Mexico is one of only five states in the United
25 States that does not have a plan in place for implementing next

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1 generation 911; and

2 WHEREAS, according to the New Mexico E911 directors
3 affiliate, the federal government has allocated one hundred
4 fifteen million dollars (\$115,000,000) in grant money
5 specifically for next generation 911; and

6 WHEREAS, states, such as New Mexico, that do not have an
7 implementation plan are ineligible to receive any federal
8 funding to implement next generation 911; and

9 WHEREAS, there are several states in the United States
10 that have established and implemented a statewide 911 program
11 oversight board to administer and manage the 911 programs in
12 those states; and

13 WHEREAS, statewide 911 program oversight boards are mostly
14 composed of 911 professionals, as well as other residents
15 appointed by their state governments; and

16 WHEREAS, statewide 911 program oversight boards provide
17 oversight of the statewide 911 programs, ensuring that the
18 interests of the 911 community are represented and that
19 decisions made regarding statewide 911 program operations and
20 funding are made with the input of 911 professionals;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the secretary of finance and
23 administration be requested to conduct a study that
24 investigates the proposal of the E911 directors affiliate that
25 a single, statewide 911 program oversight board made up of a

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1 majority of 911 professionals be created and charged with
2 administration of the 911 programs throughout the state; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of finance and
4 administration be requested to report the findings of the
5 statewide 911 program oversight board study to the legislative
6 health and human services committee by November 1, 2018; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration, the
9 executive director of the New Mexico association of counties
10 and to the legislative health and human services committee.